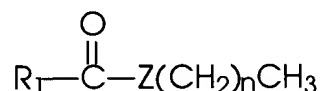


IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute amended claims 1 to 4 for pending claims 1 to 4 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A compound having the formula:

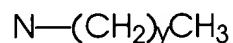


wherein R_1 , Z and the carbonyl can be comprised by a common ring, wherein R_1 comprises a chromophore that absorbs light from the visible wavelength range; wherein Z is an atom or group of atoms, said atom or group of atoms including at least one atom selected from the group consisting of C, O, N and S; and wherein n is an integer that is at least 39.

2. (Amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein n is not more than 299.

3. (Amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein Z is NH.

4. (Amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein Z is

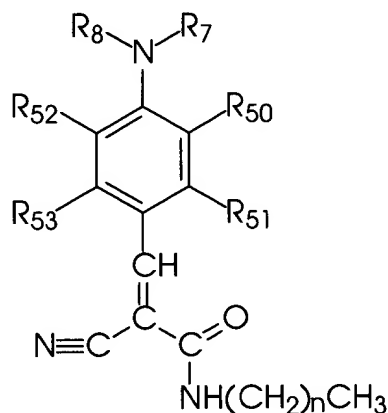


wherein y is an integer of from 0 to 300, and can be the same as or different than n.

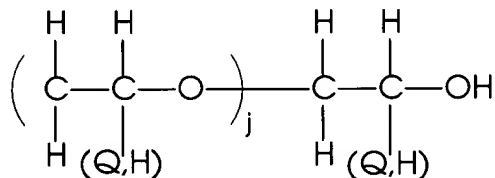
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Please add the following new claims:

68. (New) A compound having the formula

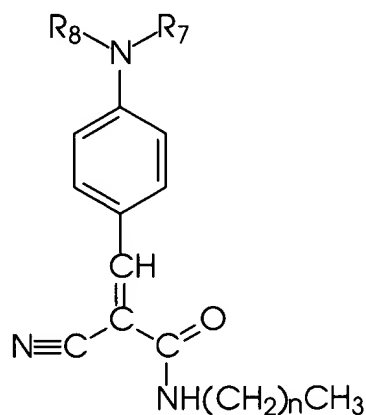


wherein n is an integer that is at least 17, R_{50} , R_{51} , R_{52} , and R_{53} are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen atoms, hydroxy groups, alkoxy groups, trifluoromethyl groups, and alkyl groups, and can be the same as one another or different from one another; and wherein at least one of R_7 and R_8 comprises a chain having the formula

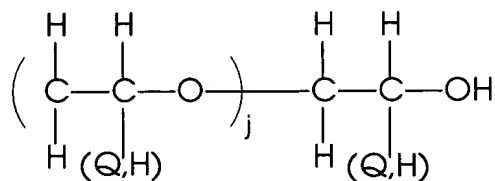


wherein j is an integer of from 0 to about 300, wherein the representation of "(Q,H)" indicates that either a group Q or a hydrogen can be in the shown positions, wherein the group Q is either an alkyl group or an aryl group, and wherein Q can vary amongst different alkyl and aryl groups within the chain.

69. (New) A compound having the formula



wherein n is an integer that is at least 17, and wherein at least one of R₇ and R₈ comprises a chain having the formula



wherein j is an integer of from 0 to about 300, wherein the representation of "(Q,H)" indicates that either a group Q or a hydrogen can be in the shown positions, wherein the group Q is either an alkyl group or an aryl group, and wherein Q can vary amongst different alkyl and aryl groups within the chain.

70. (New) A compound according to claim 68 wherein j is at least 1.

71. (New) A compound according to claim 69 wherein j is at least 1.

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72. (New) A compound according to claim 68
wherein Q is methyl.

73. (New) A compound according to claim 69
wherein Q is methyl.

Please cancel claims 10 to 19 and 44 to 66 without prejudice.